concluded with a Statement of Conclusions jointly signed with the Chief Minister of the State concerned, laying out the points of action on which the State would move to operationalise the recommendations of the Round Tables.

Grants from foreign countries for Panchayats

2977. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any plan to seek grants from foreign countries for the development of Panchayats; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) As at present, no such plans have been finalized.

Establishment of rural business hubs

†2978. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an action plan to establish rural business hubs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States identified for developing rural business hubs;

(d) whether States will be provided financial assistance for establishing rural business hubs;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when these hubs are likely to be establish?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.